



Silver Threads Quilt Guild



Meeting Date and Time: March 13th, 2008.

Social Hour 6:00 to 6:30

Meeting starts at 6:30

Meetings are held at the First Christian Church in Fort Walton Beach, FL

Website: <http://www.silverthreadsquiltguild.org>

From Your President:

Wow, it is almost March. This year is just flying by so fast. I hope you are all avoiding the nasty virus that is going around.

A big "Thank-you" goes out to Kathy, Kim, Sandy, and the 15 plus members (Pat Niebler, Kim Hann, Kathy Weathers, Jeanie Johnson, Edith Bullock, Lyndell Simmon, Sandy Sterman, Patty Butcher, Susan Beck, Ruth Christensen, Deane Inness, Lyn Woods, Sheila Paxton, Laura Church, Linda Frick, Jackie Hugli, and Cathy Messner) that came to the Charity Sit and Sew Day. We made about 35 Christmas stockings and a few Christmas Raffle Quilt blocks. The blocks for our Christmas Raffle Quilt are beautiful. Thanks to Kathy and Kim for cutting all the kits. Kim and others brought food for us to enjoy and it was delicious. Members who came to the evening meeting took fabric, batting and patterns, as well as kits, so that they could sew at home. We missed a lot of you, but do hope you were on dates that night with your sweethearts and hope to see you in March for the Toad U Sew trunk show!

I would also like to take time to Thank-you all for being patient with your new board. We are trying some new things, which at my age is kind of hard (grin). Some may go smoothly, some may need tweaking, and some may need to be dumped, BUT until we try, we will never know. If you have any suggestions, see one of the board members. We would love to hear your ideas!

Jeanie's Blog:

Do you like scrap quilts and want a new and easy pattern? Check this out:

<http://quiltsatcs.blogspot.com/2007/04/disappearing-9-patch-tutorial.html>

Jeanie

Board Meetings:

Your 2008 board will be meeting just prior to our normal guild meeting on the second Thursday of each month.

Raffle Donations:

We want to thank the following for our March Raffle Donations:

Kelly Carlstrom
Carolyn Urquhart
Jean Mauldin
Dottie Niebler
Cindi Mitchell

Membership News:

2008 is going to be GREAT! We now have 65 people on our roster for 2008. We still have a few members who have indicated that they plan to renew their memberships, but have not yet paid their dues.

Please remember to sign in each month. We had 35 members present for our Valentine's Day Meeting. That's a pretty good turn out considering the Romantic Holiday!

Please help me make our newest members feel welcome:

*Barbara Simmons
Shalimar, FL 32579
February*

*Barbara Fyffe
Miramar Beach, FL 32550
May*

*Barbara Ouellette
Crestview, FL 32536
February*

*Lynnette Percival
Crestview, FL 32539
May*

*Terry Henshaw
Navarre, FL 32566
June*

WOW! Three new Barbaras! Please add these names to your new roster.

Lyn Woods

New Name Tags:

15 creative people have indicated that they have finished their name tags, have you? Don't forget to complete and wear your new name tag for March.

Birthdays:

Birthday wishes this month go out to:

Edith Bullock

Jackie Hugli

Addie Lowry

Christina Maher

Sheila Paxton

Dottie Pike

Marie Robert

Danna Rodriguez and

Lyn Woods

Happy Birthday Ladies!

Programs:

Our March meeting is going to be a trunk show presented by Toad U Sew. They are a local company that develops patterns and kits. They will have items for sale at the guild meeting. Also, please remember to bring a Show and Tell to share with the group.

Sandy

Charities:

For our sweetheart charity sit and sew, we had 17 people either stop by to sew, cut or iron stockings for Healthy Start and get the blocks ready to sew for the church quilt! Kim and I were so happy about the turn out. I had a great time. Those who participated got a small heart button to sew on their name tag as a token of appreciation for their hard work. We will schedule another charity sew day soon. Special thanks goes to Edith and Pat for bringing all the cute Christmas fabric.

If you need batting or fabric for your charity projects, just let Kim or I know at the meeting and we will get you some. When you bring back your church block or turn in a newsletter block, be sure and fill out a slip of paper. Also, when you bring in a completed charity item, fill out a slip with your name. Also, if you took a Christmas Raffle Quilt block home, please remember to return your completed block at the March meeting.

Charity item totals:

Christmas stockings 37, Church Raffle Quilt blocks 4, newsletter blocks 6, bazaar items 4, charity quilts 6, Kid Comfort Quilts 7 mailed

Keep those charity items coming in!

Kathy and Kim

Charity Recipients for 2008

The charities the board has chosen for 2008 are ones that we have worked with before and felt they truly appreciated all we have done for them.

- 1. Kid Comfort Quilts: These quilts go to young children with parents in the Guard or Reserve units stationed in Iraq or Afghanistan. This program is sponsored through the Armed Services YMCA and Addie Lowry is heading up this charity. Last year our guild members helped make approximately 45 of these quilts.*
 - 2. Healthy Start: This program works to reduce the risk of poor birth outcomes among pregnant women, infants, and children up to age 3. Last year we gave this organization over 100 Christmas stockings, of which they used almost every one, and lots of baby quilts.*
 - 3. Children's Home Society: The quilts we donated last year were used in their Group Home, as well as for other foster children. The workers keep extra quilts in their cars for when they must transport children. The quilts provide reassurance and comfort.*
 - 4. First Christian Church: The money raised from the bazaar items you donate goes mainly to local charities such as Sharing and Caring, Waterfront Rescue Mission, Shelter House, etc. Last year the items donated from the guild raised over \$200.00. This year we are also going to make a queen size quilt for the church to raffle at their bazaar. Since the bazaar is held in November, we thought a quilt made from Christmas fabrics might be nice.*
- As you can see, we have our work cut out for us. There are a variety of charity things you can work on, from Christmas stockings, baby quilts, small quilts, twin size quilts, and contributing your time to making blocks for the Christmas quilt. We can find a use for anything you make! Kim and I would like to encourage you to find a quilting buddy or group and work on the quilts together. Let's pool our talents and share our skills. The quilts will truly be works of love and the more people involved the better. Kim has organized the donated fabric on hand. If you need a certain color or a backing or binding, we have it. Please don't let any personal finances get in the way of your contributions-we can always find the supplies and materials if you will just donate your time and talents.*

Kathy and Kim

Show and Tell:

Well, as those of you who attended the February meeting found out, you will be getting a small beaded pin each month that you bring Show and Tell. Now mind you, you only get one pin no matter how many items you bring. We have decided to allow

finished quilt tops to be shown this year, because we understand that sometimes you have put a lot of effort into a project and it might have to be sent off as a gift before it is totally quilted or bound and also because Jeanie made me feel guilty about this! (Just kidding!) BUT, the **top should be finished** and just because we are allowing finished quilt tops to be shown, doesn't mean that you are allowed to let your UFO'S pile up. Since some members are unable to attend every meeting, we are considering 2 make-up months. That means that in those 2 months AND ONLY THOSE 2 MONTHS, you may bring an additional item for show and tell and receive an extra pin. Those months will be announced at a later date. Let me just say that you need 13 beaded pins to complete the entire pin, so we need to see 13 show and tell items from each of you this year!!!! They don't have to be huge quilts, just something that you have made that relates to quilting or sewing.

Newsletter:

If you have any items that you would like to have mentioned in the newsletter, please contact Sheila Paxton at newsletter@silverthreadsquiltguild.org Please contact me with any questions or problems you might have with your newsletter.

Sheila

Silver Threads Board

President	Jeanie Johnson
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Challenge:

This year's challenge will be "My Round Robin". Normally a round robin quilt is passed from one person to another for each "round" that is added. However, this challenge quilt is made entirely by you. The rules are as follows:

- 1. Center: Your design-can be anything you like from a pieced block to a pre-printed block to just a beautiful piece of focal fabric.*
- 2. First Round: Your design, but you must have "points" somewhere in this round.*
- 3. Second Round: Your design, but you must have "circles" of some sort.*
- 4. Third Round: Your design, but you must have "stripes".*
- 5. Fourth Round: Your design, but you must have "curves".*

The challenge quilt can be ANY size or even a wearable art. There isn't a particular fabric that must be used. You can add additional rounds, but the first four rounds MUST follow the above rules. If you have any questions, please ask a board member. Use your imagination! Prizes will be awarded for the top three choices.

Buddy Blocks:

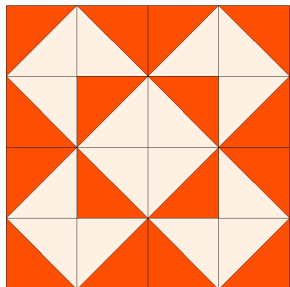
The Buddy Blocks will be exchanged twice this year. The first block will be exchanged in June and is a flower block in your choice of colors. The pattern is also of your choosing. The second block will be exchanged in December and should be made in fall colors. You pick the pattern for the block. Both blocks are 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished. Please contact Sheri Easom for more information.

Block of the Month

We have been approached by several members about putting a block of the month in the newsletter again. We have discussed it and have decided to once again add a block each month. These blocks will be "common" blocks so that we do not infringe on any copyright laws. I will include only cutting directions and a picture of the block. I will try to keep the blocks fairly simple in construction. How you use the block pattern is up to you, however, we are asking that if you like the block and would want to make an extra one, we would love for you to donate it to the guild to be used in charity quilts. In the past we have used these to make quilts for our charity donations and it has worked quite well. You can use scraps of leftovers fabrics or if you like, you can coordinate fabrics for your blocks and at the end of the year, we would have 12 blocks to put together in a quilt. One of our members did this in the past and we were able to make a beautiful quilt that was donated to Hospice that was then raffled and the proceeds benefited Hospice. If you choose to coordinate your blocks, please let us know so that we can set those aside as we begin to assemble kits to be sewn into quilts. You will also need to fill out a slip of paper with your name on it each time you donate a block. These will be kept

separate so that at the end of the year, a drawing will be held. The winner will receive-oh no, I can't tell you! You thought I would spill it didn't you? Sorry, that will be a surprise! With that all said, here is our third block. You can make these blocks in ANY color, not just the color shown.

March Block-Mosaic #10 (Makes a twelve and a half inch unfinished block)



You will need:

Light: Eight-three and seven eighths inch squares

Dark: Eight-three and seven eighths inch squares

Layer a light and dark square. Draw a diagonal line and stitch one quarter inch on each side of the line. Cut apart on the drawn line. Square up if necessary and arrange in the above setting. Sew into rows and sew rows into the block.

If you have a quilting or organizational tip to help us, please let Sheila know so that we can put it in the newsletter. Please don't assume that you have nothing to offer to someone else. Our guild is a learning and a sharing guild. You have no idea how you might inspire someone else with just sharing a little knowledge that you might not think is important. Your idea or tip might just be the ticket to what someone else might need to know.

Tip of the Month:

Always take just a minute to update your roster with new members and their information. You never know when you might need to get in touch with a member. Also, every once in a while, go through your stash and make up a kit. Pull a pattern, fabrics, threads, and anything else you need to make a project. Cut the project and put all the items you need in a zip lock bag. Then, when you have a few minutes to sew, you won't have to decide what to make, you can just pull the kit out and get started.

Our recipe this month comes from Kim Hann. Kim made this dish for our February Charity sit and sew. Thanks for sharing with us Kim. If you have a recipe to share, please email it to Sheila so that she can include it in our newsletter. These are a welcome change for those of us who prefer to quilt instead of cook!

Recipe of the Month

Twisted Pasta Primavera

*2 cans cream of soup (I used one chicken and 1 brocolli)
1 cup milk
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
1/4 tsp garlic powder
1/4 tsp pepper
2 small bags frozen vegetables, microwave half-done per instructions
6 cups macaroni, corkscrew, cooked
Leftover chicken cut into small pieces, or canned chicken (at least 2 cans)*

In a saucepan, mix soups, milk, cheese, garlic powder, pepper and half cooked vegetables. Heat to a boil and boil for a couple of minutes. Pour over prepared macaroni, add chicken and stir well. Pour into 9x13 baking dish and heat in oven at 350 for 15-20 minutes.

Everything is pretty much already cooked so it's just a heat it up process. Enjoy!!

Reminders:

Please remember to mark your calendars for the Pensacola Quilt Show being held on March 28th and 29th. Remember, we are trying to organize a field trip for this event.

In celebration of their 25th Anniversary, The Sand Dunes Chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America proudly presents "Needle Artistry". This celebrates 25 years of exquisite embroidery on the Emerald Coast (1983-2008). Please join them February 20th through March 8th, 2008 at the Arts and Design Society, 17 First Street, SE, Fort Walton Beach, Florida. ADSO Gallery Hours are:
Tues.-Thurs: Noon-4:00 p.m.
Friday: Noon-7:00 p.m.
Saturday: 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
If you have any questions, please call 850-244-1271

PS: Please don't forget to bring an item for Show and Tell.

A Note From Patty

What's New from Patty Butcher!

I am proud to announce that I will be joining the American Professional Quilting Systems team as a Sales Rep for APQS. Many of you know that I have a passion for longarm quilting and I just love my job! I also love to teach and help others in their quilting quests. I will be attending a training/orientation session in Jacksonville March 13-15th to get educated on the new machines and services.

We have a wonderful variety of machines and options for those of you who want to quilt for yourselves and I will be happy to assist you in any way I can. This does NOT mean that I will no longer be quilting for hire! I will still be available, as I have always been, for those of you who want to piece your tops and have me do the machine quilting.

As I get situated in my additional venture, I will be available for machine demos. I will also be offering training, parts and service as well as new machine sales.

I look forward to this exciting new addition to my services.

Happy Quilting!
Patty
Katydid's, Inc.

As promised, I am including websites that many of our members find helpful in locating patterns, fabrics, etc. I will ask Patty to post these addresses on the website so that you will have access to them more readily. But for now, here are the ones I have collected.

<http://andoverfabrics.com/QuiltDesigns/QuiltDesigns.asp>

<http://www.baumtextile.com/projects/index.shtml>

http://www.benartex.com/projects/p_archives.php

<http://www.blank-textiles.com/quiltgallery/quiltgallery.html>

<http://www.classiccottons.com/c-22-exclusively-quilters-collections.aspx>

check each fabric collection for some free patterns

<http://www.clothworkstextiles.com/patterns.asp>

<http://www.cranstonvillage.com/projects/projectList.aspx?id=110&ColID=130&list=All%20Projects>

<http://www.debbiemumm.com/Projects/>

http://www.eeschenck.com/quilt_patterns.asp?s=1971053&p=52

<http://www.fabricfreedom.co.uk/QuiltsAndProjects.html>

<http://www.freespiritfabric.com/core-pages/patterns.php>

<http://www.henryglassfabrics.com/>

click on 'new free projects'

<http://www.hoffmanfabrics.com/>

click on 'free quilt pattern gallery'

http://konabay.com/quilting-fabric/category/Free_Patterns_to_Download.html

<http://www.makoweruk.com/patterns.asp>

click on 'next' at bottom of page for more patterns

<http://www.marcusbrothers.com/makeit/index.html>

<http://www.eeschenck.com/default.asp?SuperStore=348&s=348>

click on quilts and projects. Quilt Gallery has lots of pictures of quilt patterns, but no instructions. Click on 'free patterns' for some patterns.

<http://www.northcott.net/index.cfm?action=patterns>

more patterns "may" be available if you click on different links on left side of page

http://www.pbtex.com/html/free_patterns.html

http://www.rjrfabrics.com/patterns/patterns_search.cfm

This one is my favorites—prepare to spend lots of time here—just exploring!

<http://www.redroosterfabrics.com/>

Click on quilt gallery and then each quilt picture to find the free patterns—3 pages

<http://www.troy-corp.com/freepatterns/default.htm>

<http://www.simplicitysewing.com/projects/>

lots of links for projects, not just quilting

<http://www.southseaimports.com/v2/newprojs.asp?currentpage=1>

five pages of quilts, also click on <browse new projects> and <browse all time favorites>

<http://www.wilmingtonprints.com/projects.aspx>
click on projects

http://www.sulky.com/project/index_project.php
projects, not all quilting

<http://www.ttfabrics.com/patterns.php>
click on archives for more patterns

<http://www.waverly.com/wavis/waverly.asp>
home dec projects

<http://www.jinnybeyer.com/index.cfm>
new block added every Friday, as well as quilt patterns. Click on Free patterns. Also click on Quilt Tips for some hints.

And for the handbag Anne made and Showed at the January meeting, here is the link:

http://www.henriettashandbags.com/Craft_Ideas.htm l
shows one variation—as you can see, the outside look of the purse is totally up to your creative ideas.

Here is a link to various free purse/totebag patterns listed on Henrietta's site.

http://www.henriettashandbags.com/Craft_Ideas.html